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Reclamation's Exploratory Drill Program at Olympus Dam: A Summary

- Olympus Dam impounds Lake Estes. The dam has performed very well for over 50 years and is safe.
- Reclamation owns, operates, and regularly monitors Olympus Dam.
- Part of Reclamation's on-going monitoring of the dam includes periodic and detailed inspections
- Detailed inspections can include drill programs.
- Drill programs allow Reclamation to evaluate information about potential hazards like floods or earthquakes in relation to the original dam designs and contemporary construction standards. Data collected during drilling allows Reclamation to assess how the dam will perform in those extreme situations.
- A drilling evaluation will begin at Olympus Dam the first week of May, 2005
- A drill rig on the dam will drill between 20-24 holes from different locations on the dam in order to collect samples of the dam's foundation
- The samples will be analyzed and enable our engineers to determine what, if any, modernization the dam might require.
- Visitors to the area are requested to stay outside of the work zone and to please respect all signs indicating which areas are closed during the drilling.
- For more information, please contact Kara Lamb, with Reclamation's Eastern Colorado Area office in Loveland.

